

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-16 (Cancelled).

Claim 17 (Previously presented): A method of transmitting voice sound information comprising:
sensing the voice sound vibrations of a user through an earpiece having a bone conduction sensor adapted to convert voice sound vibrations to electrical signals, and a processor operatively connected to the bone conduction sensor, a first transmitter, and a first receiver;
processing the electrical signals using the processor to remove ambient and environmental interference and to package the electrical signals for transmission;
transmitting the voice sound information from the first transmitter to a second receiver disposed within a housing and operatively connected to an external connector of a host device;
receiving the voice sound information at the second receiver;
communicating the voice sound information from the second receiver to the host device.

Claim 18 (Original): The method of claim 17 wherein the earpiece does not occlude the external auditory canal of the user.

Claim 19 (Previously presented): The method of claim 17 wherein the earpiece further comprises an air conduction sensor electrically connected to the processor.

Claim 20 (Previously presented): The method of claim 19 wherein the processor is a speech processor.

Claim 21 (Previously presented): A voice sound transmitting system, comprising:
an earpiece comprising (1) a bone conduction sensor adapted to convert vibrations of voice
sound information to electrical signals, (2) a processor operatively connected to the bone
conduction sensor and adapted for processing the electrical signals to remove ambient
and environmental interference and to package for transmission, (3) a first transmitter
operatively connected to the processor and (4) a first receiver operatively connected to the
processor;
a connector associated with a housing, the connector for connecting a second receiver and a
second transmitter disposed within the housing to a host device;
the second transmitter and the second receiver adapted for communication with the first receiver
and the first transmitter of the earpiece.

Claim 22 (Previously presented): The voice sound transmitter system of claim 21 wherein the
host device is a cellular phone.

Claim 23 (Previously presented): The voice sound transmitter system of claim 21 wherein the
host device is a computer.

Claim 24 (Previously presented): The voice sound transmitter system of claim 21 wherein the
host device is a personal digital assistant.

Claim 25 (Previously presented): The voice sound transmitting system of claim 21 wherein
the connector is a headphone-jack type connector.

Claim 26 (Previously presented): The voice sound transmitting system of claim 21 wherein
the connector is a serial connector.

Claim 27 (Previously presented): The voice sound transmitting system of claim 21 wherein the connector is housed within a cradle.

Claim 28 (Previously presented): The voice sound transmitting system of claim 21 wherein the earpiece further comprises an air conduction sensor electrically connected to the processor.

Claims 29-30 (Cancelled).